President Danny Faure,

Vice President, Mr. Speaker,

Ministers

Hon. Members of the National Assembly,

H.E the Charge d’Affaires of the UAE in Seychelles

Members of the diplomatic corps,

Health professionals and dear friends,

Today’s opening ceremony marks the culmination of two likeminded visions coalescing around the need to focus the health of a nation around the health of the family. President Faure created the new Ministry of the family earlier this year, and has continuously emphasised the need for us to strengthen the bond between families.

‘My Health, My responsibility’ is strengthened when it is valued within a family setting. We will eat better, exercise better, care for each other better and live better, by investing in the family. We thank you Mr. President for leading the charge to promote these values.

We are also most grateful to the vision of HH Sheikh Khalifa Foundation that has allowed this ground breaking and unique project to take place. By
agreeing to support this project, the Foundation, as well as the Government of the UAE has recognised the importance of the family in both our cultures as a beacon around which we see the futures of our society. For a country such as Seychelles, such donations are hard to come by- and we are doubly grateful for the recognisance of our unique vulnerabilities and constraints, as evidenced through this partnership.

This new hospital is a state of the art facility- and represents the high level goal setting that we are setting ourselves in the heath sector. It has been built using an innovative modular concept which has meant that it has taken less than one year to complete. The Assembly of the hospital started on site towards the end of 2016 and was completed by mid-year 2017, with the handing over to the Government of Seychelles in August this year.

For the moment the hospital is hosting the female medical ward which has been moved from the Seychelles Hospital while renovations are undertaken there. It has a capacity of 30 beds. In addition it has 2 operating theatres, seven consultation rooms and several inpatient and isolation rooms as well as a backup ICU.

It also has state of the art equipment for example in terms of audiology which in due course will help improve services we can offer to children who are hearing impaired.
We will gradually be offering more services at the hospital, helping to decongest the main Hospital at Mont Fleuri. This project also is a key facilitator for the further implementation of the hospital redevelopment plan.

Because the hospital has been built in a modular fashion, there is also scope for us to expand it in the future by adding floors vertically. This possibility has been incorporated into its design.

The total cost of the donation is USD 6 million - representing almost SCR 80 million. The Seychelles Government has also contributed SCR 9 million for the site preparations and site investigations and other associated costs.

Msye Prezidan, ser envite,

Sa proze i form parti nou lenvestisman dan en nivo pli o ki posib dan sekter lasante. Nou pe fokaliz lo kalite an term lenfrastriktir, e osi an term leksperyans pasyan.

Sa lopital i form parti nou demars pur ranforsi sipor fokalize lo sa endividi- lo bezwen sak pasyan endividyel- e osi prenan ankont son sityasyon lafanmiy e son vwazinaz. I enportan ki nou annan en fasilate o niov koumsa dan en landrwa parey Perseverance, akoz sa i form par nou lentansyon pour kontinnyen desantraliz swen kot i posib.
Gradyelman, e osi anlinny avek nou plan devlopman reslurs imen, nou pou ofer plis servis dan sa lopital, e plis prosedir.

Konsep sa lopital i osi envit nou pour nou reflesir lo rol lafanmiy dan lasante. Akoz i kler dan nou Konstitisyon ki lasante i pa labsans maladi- i en lepanouisman fizik, mantal e spirityel ki permet sak endivid dan nou sosyete devlop son potansyel.

Msye Presizidan, ser envite,

Servis lasante i depann lo bann travayer vreman devoue e determinen. Nou fyer ki nou annan en group profesyonel lasante ki’n travay dir pour met sa lopital operasyonel, e permet nou selebre sa moman ozordi. Nou osi konsyan bann defi resours imen ki nou annan. Me nou kapab war ki avek plis lanfaz lo formasyon, osi byen ki meyer kondisyon pour bann diferan kad travayer lasante, nou pou kapab relev sa nivo servis ankor.

Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen,

In conclusion allow me to take a moment to thank some other partners who have been integral to this project.

We would like to thank the Ministry of Housing, Infrastructure and Land Transport for their support to help us implement the project, including through the preparation works and the construction of the road.
We express our utmost appreciation to the local contractor, Ascent Construction, who has worked closely with us to ensure we achieve he desired results. Our appreciation to all Health staff that have worked either to supervise or implement the project as well as to operationalise the project. My personal appreciation also to Minister Mitcy Larue who started the ball rolling on this project- I know she is very happy and proud today.

Our thanks to the people of Perseverance for hosting this facility, and all the district support staff who have worked with us and continue to do so.

And finally we express our utmost appreciation once again to the Khalifa Foundation, and the Government and people of UAE. Your support is a gesture which will always remain inscribed in our collective memories. It is also a gesture that inspires to do more, and to do better. We look forward to continuing to work together on future projects.

President Faure, your presence with us today, also provides further encouragement for us to simultaneously improve the patient experience, while also working tirelessly to improve the effectiveness of our prevention activities. This family hospital is a key component of both of these strategies.

Thank you for your attention.